

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention is directed towards an apparatus for treating continuous materials. In one embodiment of the invention, a mounting bar is supported between mounting brackets. Tubing is mounted for rotation to the mounting bar. A first rod extends radially from the tubing and is adapted to rotate with the tubing. A second rod is supported by the first rod. A contact supported by an end of the second rod is adapted to orbit around the mounting bar upon rotating the first rod. In another embodiment of the invention, an application pan is provided. A guide is provided at a front end of the pan and a stripper die is provided at a rear end of the pan. A hold-down bar located between the front and rear ends of the pan is adapted to be rotated about an axis that extends laterally relative to the application pan. A strand rod is located between the hold-down bar and the stripper die. In yet another embodiment of the invention, a method is provided for immersing a length of continuous material into an application pan containing liquid. The method comprises the steps of lifting a hold-down bar up out of an application pan, threading a length of continuous material, and pivoting the hold-down bar down to immerse the continuous material into the liquid contained in the pan.